

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 20 and 21 as follows:

~~Figure 27 is a~~ Figures 27A and 27B are flow diagram diagrams illustrating a process for validating a change of address request for one embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 4 as follows:

When the Sponsor selects the Setup button 406 405, the software displays the Reset Setup page 500, as shown in Figure 5. The software may be configured such that a Sponsor may enter a SQL query which instructs the RM 104 to access and obtain the needed information from the Sponsor DB 201. SQL queries are well known in the art, as such, those skilled therein appreciate that the SQL query may vary from application to application depending upon, for example, the data structures utilized in the database, the database architecture, system configurations, communications protocols and other variables. Further, it is to be appreciated that access to and from information in a database may be accomplished utilizing various other protocols, queries, processes and languages. Therefore, the present invention is not to be construed as being limited to using SQL queries and may utilize, for example, XML queries to interface with the Sponsor DB 102.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 15 as follows:

Referring now to Figures 27A and 27B ~~Figure 27~~, one embodiment of a process by which registration are validated by the Network Server is depicted. As shown, this process begins with the recipient registering the “old” and “new” addresses with the Network Server (Step 2702). Any of the above mentioned registration processes or other registration processes may be utilized for this step.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 1, as follows:

Referring again to Step 2706, when a reply is received by the Network Server from the “new” address, the process continues with the Network Server determining whether the Network Server has also received a confirmation message from the “old” address (Step 2708). As it is foreseeable that the confirmation from the “old” address may be received prior to the confirmation from the “new” address, the Network Server suitably stores such confirmation messages while awaiting receipt of the confirmation

from the “new” address. However, for the process shown in Figures 27A and 27B ~~Figure 27~~, the Network Server does not institute a change of address until a confirmation is received from the “new” address.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 17 as follows:

As such, the process in ~~Figure 27~~ Figures 27A and 27B provides one process by which a Network Server may validate a change of address request. The process further provides for the designation of changed address records as either an “A” or a “B”, which Sponsors may utilize to determine the status of the change of address record request and possibly send messages to both the “old” and “new” addresses or either address separately.